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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am a proponent of free enterprise and believe that the government's interference with Microsoft over the last three years has been appalling. How can our nation and economy grow if politicians and lawmakers keep attacking business?

The antitrust lawsuit has been ridiculous and now that a settlement has occurred I see that Microsoft is being forced to grant broad new rights to computer makers to configure Windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products. They are also forcing Microsoft to disclose for use by competitors interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products.

The terms of the settlement seem aimed at nothing more than to give competition an edge it did not have before. Nevertheless, your office has to finalize the settlement. Our economy cannot afford further litigation against Microsoft. I hope your office does what it can to deter the states still eager to sue.

Sincerely,

Gail Williams

cc: Senator Don Nickles

